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Halfway through the year, one of my 4<sup>th</sup> grade students' father completely left his life and wants nothing to do him. As soon as I started, the student, who is an AMAZING kid, really started to become attached to me following me around and trying to be with me as much as he could. I can tell how he really needs and long for that male presence in his life and his mom told me that he looks up to me for guidance and has really done better with the whole situation, which until recently has been VERY tough on him. As soon as the year ended the mother asked me if I would be willing to have lunch with her son every other week or so just to keep that relationship going and to give him someone to look up to and something to look forward to. Would this be an okay thing to do, especially because he is having such a hard time with self-worth and we have come so far since I started?

The Teacher Liability Protection Act of 2001 makes sense to me but it is also very confusing. I have seen teachers physically pick up a student and carry/drag them to the principal's office to deal with. However, this was simply because the student wasn't listening. The law says that teachers can get away with physically restraining a child without legal repercussions but I believe that physically restraining should only be done in worse case scenarios. Where is the line drawn? Can teachers just pick up a bad behaved student and toss him into the office, or can the force only be used when they feel they are threatened and nothing else will work? I have seen both instances so I am very curious. Cheers!